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SUBJECT: RADIATION CHECKS

1. RECENT PUBLICITY GIVEN BY NEW YORKER MAGAZINE TO THE
LOW-LEVEL NON-IONIZING MICROWAVE RADIATION DIRECTED AT
THE TOP FLOORS OF OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AND QUESTIONNAIRES
NOW BEING SENT OUT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTION
WITH A DEPARTMENT SPONSORED STUDY HAVE RESULTED IN SOME
CONCERN AT CERTAIN EAST EUROPEAN POSTS ABOUT THE POSSI-
BILITY OF SIMILAR RADIATION BEING PRESENT. THERE IS NO

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EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER OF NON-IONIZING RADIATION SUCH AS THAT
EXPERIENCED IN MOSCOW BEING BEAMED AT ANY OF OUR CHAN-
CERIES IN EASTERN EUROPE. IF SUCH RADIATION DID EXIST,
WE THINK WE WOULD KNOW. NEVERTHELESS, IN ORDER TO ESTAB-
LISH FOR CERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT RADIATION IS PRESENT, I
HAVE ASKED THE OFFICE OF SECURITY TO INITIATE RADIATION
CHECKS AT YOUR POSTS OF THE TYPE CONDUCTED PERIODICALLY

IN MOSCOW AND PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO UNDERTAKE THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS AND PENDING POST CONCURRENCE, A TSO WILL BE SCHEDULED TO VISIT YOUR POST WITHIN THE NEXT SIXTY DAYS. HE WILL CARRY WITH HIM EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF DETECTING MICROWAVE RADIATION UP TO 40 GIGA-HERTZ AND WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE READINGS AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN THE CHANCERY. THE DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE THE RESULTS OF THOSE READINGS AVAILABLE TO ALL PERSONNEL AT EACH POST.

3. I HOPE THAT THESE RADIATION CHECKS CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITH A MINIMUM OF INCONVENIENCE TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF. I ALSO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE NOR INDICATION WHATSOEVER THAT ANY OF OUR CHANCERIES OR RESIDENCES ARE BEING SUBJECTED TO MICROWAVE RADIATION. WE ARE TAKING THIS PRECAUTION ONLY BECAUSE WE WANT OUR PERSONNEL IN EASTERN EUROPE TO BE CONFIDENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE ANY CONCERNS THAT MAY EXIST AT YOUR POSTS.

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